

WABA Congratulates the 2026 FFA Scholarship Recipients

The Wisconsin Agri-Business Association is proud to invest in the future of agriculture through its annual scholarship program, awarding \$17,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in the agribusiness industry. These scholarships, including three designated specifically for members of the Wisconsin FFA Organization, reflect WABA's commitment to developing the next generation of leaders who will support, innovate, and strengthen Wisconsin's agricultural economy. By investing in students today, WABA is also investing in the long-term success of its members, agribusinesses, cooperatives, and industry partners who depend on a skilled and passionate workforce.

WABA's scholarship program recognizes students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, and a strong dedication to advancing agriculture. This year's FFA scholarship recipients, Ashton Brusveen, Amalia Draxter, and Joel Guse, each bring unique experiences and clear career goals that align with the future needs of the agribusiness industry.

Ashton Brusveen, from Randolph Cambria-Friesland FFA, is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, pursuing a degree in Agribusiness with an emphasis on Commodity and Price Analysis. A third-generation grain farmer, he also owns and operates Seed Clean LLC, a business focused on cleaning and treating seed for cover crops. His entrepreneurial efforts and hands-on experience in agriculture have prepared him for a future in grain production or agricultural sales, with plans to continue growing his business and return to his family farm.

Amalia Draxter, from Glenwood City FFA, plans to study Agricultural and Applied Economics along with Life Sciences Communication, with a certificate in Public Policy. Raised on a dairy farm, she developed a passion for agricultural advocacy and communication. Through her leadership and service in FFA, she has worked to support and create opportunities for other members, and she plans to use her education to advocate for the agricultural industry.

Joel Guse, from Rio FFA, will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls to study agriculture with a focus on plant systems. His involvement in FFA and other student organizations, along with experience in agricultural research, has shaped his interest in agronomy. He plans to pursue a career in crop production and eventually start his own agronomy business while remaining active in the agricultural community.

As the agricultural industry continues to evolve, the need for knowledgeable, skilled, and passionate professionals has never been greater. WABA is proud to support students who are committed not only to their own success but also to advancing agriculture and supporting the industry for years to come.